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UM STUDENT OFFICES REOPEN AFTER TESTS SHOW NO MORE ASBESTOS

MISSOULA --

Student offices at the University of Montana's University Center re-opened today after more asbestos tests showed the area was clear of the cancer-causing fibers.

Additional air samples were taken overnight Wednesday and throughout Thursday that showed no asbestos fibers on both floors of the southwest corner of the UC, Tim Read, UM environmental health officer, said today.

An air sample Wednesday in student offices showed an asbestos fiber count of .04 fibers per cubic centimeter. The sampling was part of routine monitoring during an asbestos-removal project in that area of the UC.

UM's standard for acceptable asbestos fibers is less than .01 fibers per cubic centimeter. The federal standard is 10 times UM's standard.

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